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I. Cambodia Orphanage Report
  Tim Maddocks <terence.maddocks@gmail.com>
  SALT Ministries 2014
  The orphanage is currently home to 131 children, cared for in 10 families. Many of our orphans have now grown up and left. We have one of our orphans finishing his final year at Asia Pacific International University, in Thailand, and four in the Philippines doing further study to prepare for evangelistic work.

Others are now SALT Ministries staff working in the orphanage, school or media centre. David, one of our orphans, who graduated from year 12 in July, is now working as a teacher at a new school opened by Adventist Frontier Missions in Mondulkiri province. Just this morning I was chatting on Facebook with one of our former orphans who is working in Thailand, she and her sister both attend an Adventist church in Ayuthaya. We praise God that we have had the opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of so many children!

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II. After Typhoon Haiyan -- ADRA is still there!
  British Union News Edition #901 (7 November 2014)
  One year on the world may have forgotten - but ADRA is still on the ground, supporting survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

  On 2 November 2013, Haiyan began to build over the Pacific. By the 4th it had become Typhoon Haiyan. Over the next four days it continued to grow in intensity to become one of the strongest tropical cyclones ever recorded. As the fierce winds swept over the islands of the Philippines on 8 November, it brought rain, flooding and storm surge waves that destroyed whole towns and villages. Two million people were left homeless, and over 6,000 Filipinos lost their lives, making it the deadliest storm on record for the nation.

  ADRA, beginning a year ago has helped save lives and is even now giving new hope to people who have lost everything! ADRA sill positively touches lives, rebuilds homes, restores fishing industries and gives hope.

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III. Philippine Pastor Murdered by Gunmen Masked gunmen slay the pastors in Guatemala and the Philippines.
  --Adventist Review. October 27, 2014
  Two Adventist pastors were killed in armed ambushes in Guatemala and the Philippines last week, highlighting the danger that some church workers face in restive regions of the world.

  Masked assailants attacked pastor Noe Gonzalez, 54, and his wife as they rode home on a motorcycle following evangelistic meetings that he had led in the town of Hierbabuena in east Guatemala on Oct. 23, the Adventist Church's Inter-American Division said Monday. Gonzalez was shot four times and his wife, Oralia, was struck on the head and left for dead. Oralia was treated at a hospital and released hours later.

  A day earlier, masked gunmen opened fire on six people preparing to board a vehicle in a village in the Philippine province of Zamboanga del Norte, killing pastor Ramil Ansong, 29, and his 50-year-old father, Jose. The other four people in the group, including the pastor's mother, escaped uninjured, according to local media reports. Police have opened investigations into both attacks but not identified a motive in either.

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IV. Wendy's PAMPAS Report
Wendy Harris <wrguptill@gmail.com> October 22; Philippine Adventist Medical Aviation Services (PAMAS) If Only! (Shattered leg on the mountain)

Just last week we received the news of yet another amazing story. This time it was Elias, the new (and first ever) SM doctor at the Kemantian clinic. He and some others were on their way to the church and school in Kensuli, across the river. He slipped on the bridge and his cleats caught between the boards . . . and in that split second, you can imagine how His life may never be the same! His foot was shattered in 4-5 places and his ankle was bent at a 90 degree angle.

Elias is not a small guy (285 lbs) and the nurses and Palawanos alike were wondering how this was going to work! One new comer asked if there was ANY other way to get him out. Carrie said, "Yes! With a helicopter!" . . . If only!

Eighteen Palawanos graciously carried Elias 7 hours out of the mountains, in the dark! Sean flew him to Puerto Princesa the next morning to the Adventist Hospital. He is in amazingly good spirits and plans are being made for his transport to Mexico where friends will do his surgery. He hopes to be hiking back in to Kemantian by January. (Let's pray for that miracle.)

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V. A Rare Glimpse of Church’s Work in China

Some 100 church leaders and scholars gather for a first-of-its-kind conference in Hong Kong.
Adventist Review, October 31, 2014
--by Michael W. Campbell*

China may not be identified in the Bible as a missionary destination as some Adventists once believed, but the Seventh-day Adventist faith is flourishing there today in a fractured community that is largely homegrown and unknown to the outside world.

That is what a group of about 100 Adventist leaders and scholars heard at a first-of-its-kind conference in Hong Kong this week as they sought to gain a better understanding of the Adventist Church in China.

Estimates vary on how many Adventists live in the world’s most populous country of 1.35 billion, but conference presenters put the figure at about 500,000. . . .

Today, few Adventists are aware that missionary work was actively conducted in China during the first half of the 20th century.

"The gospel commission is to go into all the world, which includes China," Bob Folkenberg, Jr., president of the Chinese Union Mission located in Hong Kong, said in an interview on the sidelines of the conference. "The people of China have been a major focus of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s missionary activity during the 20th century."

To better grasp present-day Adventism, presenters took a look back at its roots in China. Edward Allen, a professor of religion at Union College, noted that the first serious article about China and missions was written in 1874 by George W. Amadon, a printer at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Battle Creek, Michigan. Amadon believed that the "land of Sinim" referenced in Isaiah 49:12 in the King James Version pointed specifically to China. The verse reads: "Behold, these shall come from far:

and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim." Biblical scholars today repudiate the notion that the verse refers to China.

Regardless of the correctness of the interpretation, Allen said, the important thing was that Adventists "were beginning to think outside of their box" of only sharing the gospel with people in the United States, where the denomination was formally organized in 1863.

China is close to Allen’s heart. As the son of missionaries who served in the Philippines, he said he grew up wondering about the "forbidden land"

that the 1949 Revolution left off limits to missionaries.

China’s first Adventist missionary, Abram LaRue, arrived on May 3, 1888, on his own funds after the General Conference declined an offer to serve, citing his old age. Little is known about LaRue’s life and work other than he inspired other missionaries to follow his lead. Several conference participants visited his grave in Hong Kong.

The first Chinese people were baptized into the Adventist Church around the turn of the century. Missionary J. N. Anderson, who arrived with his family in 1902, also organized the first church and ordained the first Chinese Seventh-day Adventist minister. "This is a vibrant component of Adventism that needs to be studied," said conference organizer Bruce W. N. Lo.

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VI. Ekamai International School, Bangkok, Thailand

Letter from Director Rajdeep Takeuchi
-- from the EIS Newsletter, sent by Lee Chin Beng <leec@eis.ac.th> Nov.

Dear EIS Family and Friends,

Warmest greetings to all of you!

Every beginning is always a blessing. With God’s amazing grace and our collective efforts, we endeavor to promote the EIS vision of providing a state-of-the-art education in a Christian environment that prepares students for the challenges of the 21st century.

We value your trust and support and you can be assured of our utmost commitment to provide the best service to the students, parents, alumni, stakeholders and the community.

The Administrative team for the school year 2014-2015 are:

Mrs. Rajdeep Takeuchi - Director
Mr. Prachack Jitbinuyad - Assistant Director / General Manager Mr. Nopparin Seksantisakul - Finance Manager Mr. Harold Dawat - Principal for Academic Administration Mrs. Kittiya (Beatrice) Kootanasan- Principal for Student Administration

I am happy to inform you that EIS has maintained its leadership and excellence in education having been granted accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Schools (WASC) in Burlingame, California, USA through June 30, 2017, the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) in Maryland, USA, and licensed by the Thai Ministry of Education. EIS is a member of good standing of the East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS) and the International Schools Association of Thailand (ISAT).

Furthermore, I am also delighted to inform you that additional classrooms and a covered playground for elementary students had been installed to accommodate the remarkable growth of our student’s population this year which is an apparent confirmation of our teamwork, dedication and service. For details and updates of various school developments and activities, please refer to our website <www.eis.ac.th>.

To the EIS faculty, staff, parents, students, alumni, and friends, my heartfelt gratitude and thanks for your support.

Let us continue to work together for God’s glory and service.

Sincerely,
Rajdeep Takeuchi
Director

VI. SULADS Story -- The Bridge

by Novo Sabas

When school started at SULADS Comprehensive High School for the Lumads back in June 2003, the lowlanders were invited to enroll. But the privilege was limited only to the lowlanders within the territory of MAHIGA CADC (Manobo Higaonon Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claim). It was planned that this school would serve the native mountain tribes at large whoever came from different mountains from far and near. The lowlanders were glad to avail of the privilege extended to them.

The Lumads came from distant mountains hiking through dense jungles.

Soon the school became alive with many students of different tribes. With different tribes came different languages and of course different cultures.

It happened that the lowlanders who were outnumbered by the mountain tribes but still felt superior over the native tribes wouldn’t conform to the rules and regulations of the school to respect the culture of the tribes. This resulted in a conflict.

The time came that the conflicts became violent and bloody between the lowlanders against all the mountain tribes joined together. However we patched the situation we could not find a solution and the tribes started to dwindle as they went home and didn’t come back anymore to avoid the conflict. Thus we called the chiefs for a meeting. It was decided to declare that the school which was built supposed to be for the mountain tribes only at first should be for the native tribes only. And so it was that the lowlanders were denied the privilege to enroll at the school from then on.
We have observed that the lowlanders who are as poor as the highland tribes had a hard time attending school downtown. With tuition fees, fare, food supplies, room rent, etc. most of them stopped schooling. In the span of ten years now they saw the highlanders who had come and gone and had become successful graduates from the mountain school were now in college.

Some of them had graduated from college and had gone to other countries.

One day the lowlanders pleaded with us and asked the chiefs' favour to have their children attend the SULADS High School again. This time they promised to abide by the school and tribe's rules and adapt to the culture. The argument within the faculty was strong not to have the same problem again. But love prevailed that these lowlanders are souls too reached for the kingdom just like the mountain tribes. So it was agreed that the lowlanders be given the privilege to enroll again.

Jer was one of the lowlanders who enrolled. He was brought up in another religion by his father, who was a lay worker at their local village church. He was just like the other lowlanders who wanted to avail only of the free education but had no plans at all to join the Adventist Church. The father, who was looked up to by his people as a church leader, instilled in Jer's mind that attending SULADS High School did not include joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He agreed as an obedient son.

Miesk, a Theology student at Mountain View College, was invited to be the Week of Prayer speaker at the mountain SULADS High School. He expounded beautifully on the life of Jesus and how He came as a Sacrificial Lamb for our sins. Jer understood every message as did the other lowlanders. Every prayer meeting ended with an invitation to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. They were also reinforced by the church Pastor Roxelier Rosales in the doctrinal messages in their evening and morning worships, The Week of Prayer came as a harvest convicting their hearts to accept Jesus through baptism.

Jer, who was always all eyes and ears during every sermon could not fight any longer against the conviction of the Holy Spirit to accept Jesus as his personal Saviour. He stood for every altar call made by the preacher. This inspired me with the joy of victory that will BRIDGE the lowlanders with us Mountain tribes through Jesus. Jer and two other lowlanders were preparing for baptism on the Sabbath. I was praying that the decision of these three would not change.

At vespers that Friday evening Jer stood again with the other two lowlanders and many more Lumads of the mountain tribes for the last altar call. "Yes!" I said, "Thank you, Lord, for keeping them strong to be baptized up to this very moment."

Morning came, I was looking for Jer but he could not be found. "Where is Jer?" I asked one of his classmates. "He went home down to Santo. Domingo very early this morning, Sir!" was the reply. "Alas! Lord," I sighed. "So Jer won't be baptized at all. Lord, Your will be done," I whispered.

As we were having breakfast that morning, Jer came to our door with his hair and shirt soaked with sweat. "Jer! Where in the world did you go? I was looking for you."

"I ran down home, Sir! I was afraid my Father wouldn't permit me to be baptized."

"Then what happened?" I asked.

"He was surprised when he saw me! 'What brought you home?' he said. 'I heard you want to be baptized today.' I said, 'You mean, Father, that you will permit me to be baptized?'

"'Why not?' he responded. 'There's nothing wrong with that! Who knows that soon I will join that church too. You may go ahead to be baptized and be the BRIDGE for us to follow. You go run back,' Father commanded. That's why I'm here, Sir, to catch up with the baptism."

All nine of them were baptized that day. Praise the Lord for His wondrous ways of building bridges.

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